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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Where I live in San Francisco, possibly the tech capital of the world, we used to have only two options for wired residential internet service: AT&T and Comcast. Neither provider could reliably deliver internet download speeds above 6 kbps. Sonic entered the market with a solution that effectively doubled our internet download speeds at a substantially lower cost than what AT&T and Comcast were charging per month for internet connectivity at half the speed!

Now this petition aims to push Sonic out of the market. Sonic disrupted a market that was ripe for disruption using AT&T's own wires. If AT&T were smart and nimble enough to offer this solution themselves, there wouldn't have been a market opportunity for Sonic. However, they weren't and they didn't or they didn't care enough to offer better service/faster connectivity to their customers. Now that Sonic has many happy residential customers like me, who rely on Sonic's faster internet connectivity for our home businesses, AT&T is crying foul and trying to push them out of the market with this petition? This is hardly fair. AT&T had their chance and blew it--and so did Comcast for that matter.

There is no fiber where I live and all of these companies should be racing to deliver fiber for even faster connectivity instead of trying to push out Sonic's innovative solution and force us to return to a near monopolistic situation with higher prices and pitifully slow connectivity for consumers.

Sincerely,

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